Neither NBC, which televised today's hearings, nor NPR, to which I listened for a while while prior to picking Lil up (he late night) mentioned this. Didn't catch the net NBC or CBA news tonight. Don't know if I'll be using this, but on the chance it is ignored in the probably larger attention I would expect to be given to the first subpenaeing of a President by the Congress, I'll have a note. Carbon in event you are unaware, including of Jencks. Surely some legal reporter will catch this, I hope. CBS Graham and NBC's Stern are both lawyers. Times and Post have lawyer/reporters...I should have added that the claim for privelege can be made for proper presidential acts only in any event, not in criminal or political acts, which are not a Constitutional function of a president....Wild day but a great intro for the German Mafia. The committee, obviously, is anxious to get to them. It sat late with Strachan, whose openness surprised me. I guess the rough personal time Haldeman gave him helped convert him to the human race.... Imagine that none of the staff lawyers asked him if he knew of more bugging or tapping, after the accidental bonanza. It burbled out when a Senator oh by the wayed him. Hope they ask the Nazi Mafia to itemize every bug and tap each had, every one of which he knows, with a reminder of perjury, which may make them believe there may have been a squealer. HW 7/23/73

Dashed this off after hearing AP quoted for first time about 11:30 last night and thinking about it intermittently, writing after I took Lil to work and before the hearings started. I thought it worth noting when p.m. Saturday ~~xxxx~~ radio news carried the leak of the coming position and persuasive when the contents of his position and the fact of the letter were given to AP before Ervin could have gotten the letter, which it was also leaked had been sent. Ervin was home, politicking. (Tv was great on this 11:00 p.m. last night. The old man was in good shape, reporting pictures of him holding a phone captioned "Martha WHO?" and saying how he fobbed off a preacher who wanted to be witness to what God what he claimed God had told him, "I fear that would be criticized as hearsay" approx. I may, of course, be wrong in my estimate of the situation, but I think I'm right. It won't take long to know. If I'm right,a very interesting period lies in the immediate future! If you noted a reflection of disgust in the last night's note when I couldn't find the quotes of Baldwin's testimony I was disgusted with myself and more. I've been trying to indulge in a luxury, a portable portable radio on which Lil can hear WG while working. I have one that works well, only six transistors, but it eats batteries up and there is no telling when they'll go dead on her, the only really portable with FM we have that works at all. So, I'd decided to get one that after the hearings I could wear around my neck on morning walks, the old one I'd been carrying having pooped out long ago and AM is very undependable in the mountains, so I hear little news while walking. I have gotten two, both with at least wtice the solid state components of the one that eats batteries, neither worked, and I'd just gotten the third that, on trying at home, seemed to forecast what happened today, it would be useless in her office. This one has 15 solid-state components, I don't know how many transistors. It won't do what a 4 year old six transistor does, the third of which this is true! The compulsion to cheapen everything in the name of "progress" was just another disgust too many, as is the waste of all this time. And, incredibly, a 9volt battery eliminator is not available locally. Learning this also wasted much time. Clerk's don't know when youn phone. When I get to DC again I'll get one and Lil will make out fine with the old set. I can't afford to put three fresh batteries a week in it. I'm sorry about my disgust with the ineffeciency and haste-caused misfiling, for I'm sure that is what it is and about asking a favor that will take time for you....Had radio on while writing this. WH just announced delaying response to Ervin. Offhand hunch is that somebody told GL that most people would take it the way old Sam out it, he has something to hide in them. HW 7/23/73